

to see my friend from Texas without a little bit of a twinkle in his eye, which is so commonly there. But this is a very serious subject. We try not to yell and scream too much about it, but we know that economically what's being done is going to harm our constituents. It's getting rid of jobs. It's making the small businessman have to basically shutter down and to keep his operation small, which is exactly the wrong thing for what we should be doing.

And why is it that we need all of this money? That is the question that I think we need to be asking. Why is it that we have to be spending all this money on government programs? And the answer seems to me to be, again, we're not learning very well from history. Just bear with me for a second. I'd like to get your perspective on this.

A certain number of years ago, there was a thing called the Soviet Union, and they were bad guys. And they were a bunch communists and they were socialists. And what was it that they thought? They thought the job of the government should be to provide you, first of all, with a job, and then they wanted the government to give you health care and food and housing and an education. And one thing particular about them, they didn't want you to talk about God ever.

Now, in our country, let's see, we've got all this government spending going on so the government can provide you with health care and a job and food and housing and an education and it's politically correct not to talk about God because if you did that, gentlemen, you'd realize your rights come from God. Life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, not big government nanny state. And I just wanted to toss that out to you to see if I could get a response from my good friend from Texas.

I yield.

Mr. GOHMERT. If we have time, when I was an exchange student in the Soviet Union back in 1973, I went out to a collective farm, and I've worked on farms and ranches. It was about mid morning. The farmers obviously hadn't been working. The field was suffering. And I said in what Russian I could speak back then, "When do you work in the field?"

And they all laughed. And one spoke for them in Russian and said, "I make the same number of rubles if I'm out there in the field or if I'm here in the shade."

That is why socialism doesn't work.

Mr. AKIN. So reclaiming my time once again, the problem with socialism is sooner or later we run out of other people's money.

That concludes our 1 hour. I just thank all of my colleagues from all over the country joining us tonight. Next week we will try to get into freedom a little more heavily, but the economy is certainly a top topic and that's why we have given it a lot of attention this evening.

God bless you all. Good night.

#### LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. BACA (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of attending a funeral.

Mr. ELLISON (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of constituent business in the district.

Mr. PERRIELLO (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week on account of a death in the family.

Mr. STARK (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today and the balance of the week on account of illness.

Mr. GARY G. MILLER of California (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today and the balance of the week on account of medical reasons.

Mr. KING of Iowa (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today on account of the birth of his grandson.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Ms. WOOLSEY) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. BERKLEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HOLT, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PRICE of Georgia) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. FLAKE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. WOLF, for 5 minutes, March 4 and 5.

Mr. CALVERT, for 5 minutes, March 4.  
Mr. POE of Texas, for 5 minutes, March 10.

Mr. INGLIS, for 5 minutes, today and March 9.

Mr. MCHENRY, for 5 minutes, today, March 4, 5 and 6.

Mr. JONES, for 5 minutes, March 10.

Mr. PAUL, for 5 minutes, today, March 4 and 5.

Mr. OLSON, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. FOXX, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PRICE of Georgia, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at their own request) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California, for 5 minutes, today.

#### SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION AND CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REFERRED

A joint resolution and a concurrent resolution of the Senate of the fol-

lowing titles were taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S.J. Res. 12. Joint resolution proclaiming Casimir Pulaski to be an honorary citizen of the United States posthumously; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

S. Con. Res. 9. Concurrent resolution supporting the goals and ideals of Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Week; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mr. AKIN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, March 4, 2009, at 10 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

754. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Installations and Environment, Department of the Navy, transmitting notification of the Department's decision to cancel the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 public-private competition for the Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC) Safety Support Services competition at locations nationwide; to the Committee on Armed Services.

755. A letter from the General Counsel, Government Accountability Office, transmitting the Office's report on allegations involving the Department of Defense Office of Public Affairs Outreach Program, pursuant to Public Law 110-417, section 1056(c); to the Committee on Armed Services.

756. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; 2009 Motor Vehicle Emissions Budgets for the Boston-Manchester-Portsmouth (SE), New Hampshire, 8-Hour Ozone Nonattainment Area. [EPA-R01-OAR-2008-0485; A-1-FRL-8771-3] received February 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

757. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Nevada: Final Authorization of State Hazardous Waste Management Program Revision [EPA-R09-RCRA-2008-0726; FRL-8771-8] received February 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

758. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for Florida [EPA-R04-OAR-2008-0605; FRL-8769-5] received February 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

759. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Outer Continental Shelf Air Regulations Consistency Update for North Carolina [EPA-R04-OAR-2008-0681; FRL-8769-6] received February 24, 2009, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

760. A letter from the Chairman, Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board, transmitting